

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraphs below:

Page 8, line 30-page 9, line 7:

In a preferred embodiment, the rinse water is subjected to substantially the same treatment as the wash water. Preferably, large particulate matter can be filtered from the rinse effluent to produce a prefiltered rinse effluent. The prefiltered rinse effluent may be microfiltered to produce a rinse effluent retentate and a rinse effluent permeate. At least a portion of the ~~wash~~ rinse effluent permeate may be recycled back to the wash vessel. Finally, a portion of the rinse effluent retentate also may be added to the prefiltered wash water (preferably before microfiltration) in order to avoid the need to add fresh make-up water to the wash loop and to maximize water and surfactant recovery.

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Another embodiment is depicted in FIG. 3. In addition to many of the elements previously discussed with respect to FIG. 1, wherein similar numerical designations are used to denote similar elements, a second pore filter 29 is disposed in the rinse influent stream 46. Moreover, this embodiment benefits from a second filter 37, that may be any filter such as the ones discussed with reference to filter 36 in FIG. 1, but is preferably a microfiltration unit. The filter 37 replaces the bag filter 54 system shown in FIG. 1. By disposing the filter 37 between the rinse water holding vessel 48 and the mixing vessel 52, the filter 37 processes the rinse effluent from the rinse water holding vessel 48 ~~leaving a waste stream 49~~ to produce a rinse effluent permeate 50 and a rinse effluent retentate 51. At least a portion of the rinse effluent retentate 51 can be returned to the vessel 48 leaving a waste stream 49. The rinse ~~water stream effluent permeate 50~~ permeate 50 is filtered and may be mixed with fresh make up water 53 in mixing vessel 52.